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Welcome, Bishop Povish!

Pastoral Visitation June 19-20, 1976

Most Reverend Kenneth J. Povish

Bishop of Lansing

Just a Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

On this weekend as we celebrate Father's Day, it is particularly fitting to welcome the "Chief Father" of our Diocese, our Bishop, Kenneth J. Povish. Although Bishop Povish has already celebrated the Eucharist in our church in February for the area's D.S.A. representatives, this weekend's visitation will be our Bishop's first "official" visit since he was installed as the third Bishop of the Lansing Diocese on a snowy, wintry evening, December 11, 1975. I know that today you will give him your perennial summertime welcome as he seeks to become acquainted with our community.

For all our dads, we offer thanks to our heavenly Father from whom every father on earth takes his name and through whom he fulfills his special vocation as husband and father. The Book of Sirach reminds us of the special devotion a father is due. "The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; he who honors his father atones for his sins; he who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life. Take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering - it will take lasting root." Happy Father's Day!

This weekend we celebrate liturgically, the Feast of Corpus Christi, a festival day honoring the Lord's living presence in the Holy Eucharist. The beautiful banners which grace the sanctuary will continue to remind us in weeks to come of the tremendous gift which the Lord Jesus continues to share with us to make us his covenanted people - the gift of Himself in the mysteries of the Bread broken and the Cup shared. The banners were created by Bill Burgard and attempt to incorporate the theme of the Eucharistic mystery and the "Hungers of Man", the theme chosen for the 41st International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Philadelphia in August of this Bicentennial Year. We thank Bill for continuing to share his artistic talents with us as he has since he was a grade school student here. (Bill is now a Junior at the University of Michigan.)

A belated but sincere thanks is also extended to Mr. Kingsley Calkins, chairman of the Art Department at EMU, who created our special Pentecost banners. They are a nice addition to the steadily growing supply of banners which will have future use in our parish.

As was previously announced, this coming Thursday is another important festival day for our parish, the Feast of our Patron, John the Baptist. With all of the anniversaries, jubilees and other occasions for celebration we have enjoyed recently, we dare not make slight of our parish feast day. In the past we have celebrated Forty Hours at this time. However, the Worship Commission felt that we have been inundated with many extras this year and therefore the format for this year's celebration of our feast day would take a different form.

On Thursday morning, therefore, we will celebrate the usual 7:00 a.m. Mass which will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Church will remain open throughout the day for private adoration. At 6:00 p.m. the Mass honoring the Nativity of St. John the Baptist will be celebrated to conclude the special time of prayer. Following the evening Mass, an informal pot-luck barbeque will be held on the rectory patio for all interested takers. We will grill some hamburgers if you will bring a dish to pass. Table service will be provided. I might even try my hand at some homemade ice cream. You're welcome to try the results. No reservations are necessary. We'll pray for room and good weather - did you hear St. John - no water on Thursday, please!

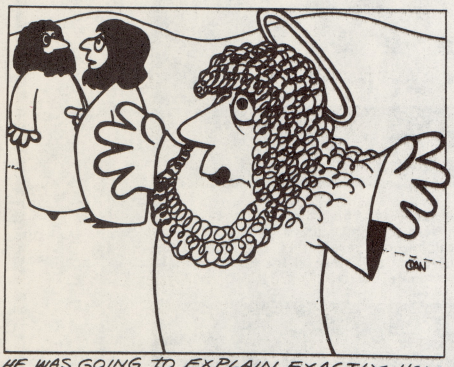
Finally, I hardly know where to begin in offering thanks to all of you who helped make last weekend one of the happiest weekends in the memories of many, including my own. The liturgies, the receptions and dinners were great! Fr. Joe Weber, the Wawrzaszek Family and our jubilarian, Sister Carol, will not soon forget your love. It was common to hear visitors from other sectors marvel at the spirit of cooperation so evident among the willing hands who made everything happen. What greater tribute could be given for your efforts than the Lord's own - "See how they love one another!"

Scripture Readings

SUNDAY, June 20 - Corpus Christi
First Reading - Exodus 24:3-8
Second Reading - Heb 9:11-15
Gospel - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
SUNDAY, June 27
First Reading - Wis. 1:13-15, 2:23-24
Second Reading - 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15
Gospel - Mark 5:21-24, 35-43

Single Catholic Adults

Picnic next Saturday, June 26th at the German Park on Pontiac Trail, west of Dixboro. The next scheduled activity is a picnic in Kensington Park on July 11th. For information call Sue at 482-1942.



HE WAS GOING TO EXPLAIN EXACTLY HOW JESUS EXISTS IN THE BREAD AND THE WINE, AND WORDS FAILED HIM!

CORPUS CHRISTI: 20 JUNE 1976

"Come eat this bread,
come drink this wine,
and know that I am in you."
Ask not how but why.
To be your life. And strength. And joy.

Homes Needed

Catholic Social Services is working with NOW, a women's organization, in helping women who have been abused. They are in the process of seeking homes for these women which will be emergency, temporary housing of a 3-day maximum. Volunteers from either agency will be willing to work with volunteers of homes to help them to better understand the problems of these women. For further information contact Carol Clasen (NOW) at 995-5444 ... if she is not there, please leave a message.

A Special Thank You

Last weekend's festivities are still rumbling around in my head as I try to realize that it has all happened to me and that you have been so tremendous in your response to my jubilee celebration in the parish.

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciated all the work that went into the planning of such a day of celebration. It was just a spirit-filled experience for me and for my family and friends who attended the celebration. They were most impressed with the planning that went into the liturgy and with the number of people who helped in various areas throughout the day. Now when I tell them what a tremendous parish we have, they will know what I am talking about.

It is my intention to send a personal thank you to each and every person who responded in any way, but since there were so many, it will take awhile to finish all of this. In the meantime, I wanted you to know how much everything you have done is appreciated, not only for the jubilee, but in every area where I have worked with the parishioners of St. John's. The Lord has especially blessed this parish because you have such care and concern for others. It is my prayer that He continuously calls you forth to be the kind of Christian whose life is spent in service to others just as He called His Son to begin this service in His Name.

Sister Carol Denise

Senior Citizen Trip

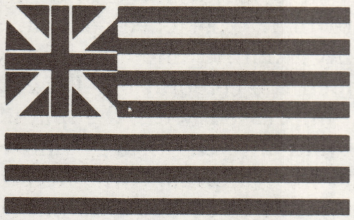
On Friday, June 4th interested Senior Citizens from St. John's Parish made a special trip to the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse in order to tour the campus. Highlights of the tour were seeing each building, renovated or otherwise, and knowing a bit of the history about each one, visiting the past history room where the roots of the Dominicans in the United States and particularly in Adrian were shown through photograph, and visiting Maria Hall, convalescent home for the sisters who are ill, many of whom had been at St. John's at one time. Some of those on tour were able to visit with sisters they had not seen for years or to make new acquaintances. Lunch was served in the sister's dining area which had been newly refurnished by one of the sisters on campus for just such visits as ours. We came home very tired from visiting and touring, but much enlightened with the work of the Adrian Dominicans at their campus motherhouse.

As always, someone had a camera and the photo shows us posing on the steps of the main building which is the oldest on the campus.

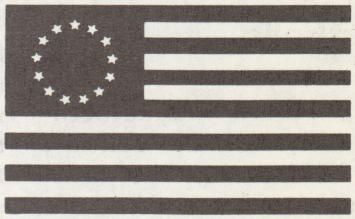
Fly your Flag - Respect it and Display it Correctly

IN THE EARLY LIFE OF THE U. S. FLAG, *there were many different models. Confusion existed concerning its design, but the stars and stripes, with a circle of 13 stars, is acknowledged as the most commonly used. The Bennington flag and the Serapis flag are outstanding examples of the many design variations caused by broad and vague Congressional description of the flag. Detailed specifications for the design of our National Flag were not established until 1912.*

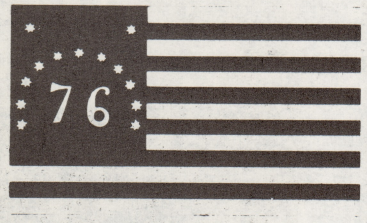
Washington's Flag 1775: This was the personal flag of the Commander-In-Chief during the Revolutionary War. A reproduction of this flag flies today at Washington's Headquarters, Valley Forge.



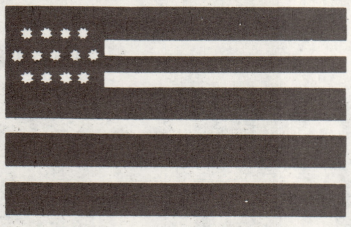
The Grand Union 1775: Also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U. S. Flag. It combined the British Union Jack and the thirteen stripes signifying Colonial unity.



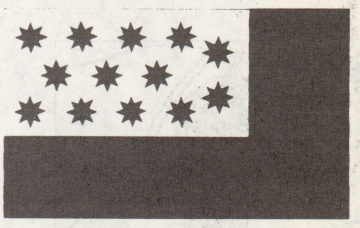
The First Stars and Stripes: Also called the Betsy Ross flag. The first official U. S. flag recognized internationally and is the flag that resulted from Congressional action June 14, 1777.



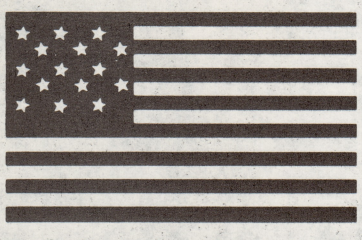
The Bennington Flag: Used in the Battle of Bennington, August 16, 1777, by Vermont militia. This flag is the first to lead American armed forces on land. The original is preserved in the museum at Bennington, Vermont.



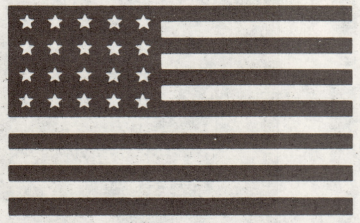
The Serapis Flag: Designed with 13 stripes alternating red, white and blue. This flag was flown by Captain John Paul Jones in the famous 1779 battle between "The U.S.S. Bon Homme Richard" and "The Serapis" in the North Sea.



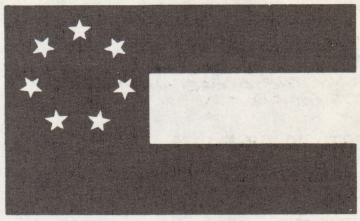
The Guilford Flag: This unusual flag was made with thirteen 8-pointed stars in a wide field. Historical records report this flag carried by North Carolina militiamen at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse, March 17, 1781.



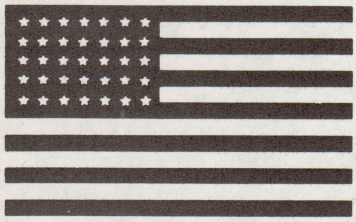
The Star Spangled Banner: Created by the Flag Act of May 1, 1795, adding 2 stripes and 2 stars. It was immortalized by Francis Scott Key during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, September 13, 1814.



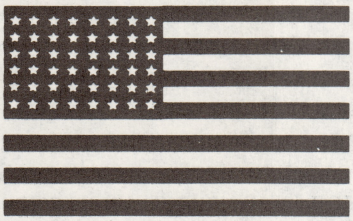
The 1818 Flag: Realizing that the addition of a new star and a new stripe for each new State was impractical, Congress passed the Flag Act of 1818 which returned the flag design to 13 stripes and specified 20 stars for the 20 states.



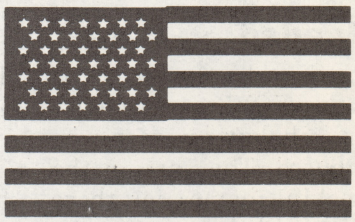
Confederate Stars and Bars: The first flag of the Confederacy. Although less well known than the "Confederate Battle Flags", the Stars and Bars was used as the official flag of the Confederacy from March 1861 to May of 1863.



Civil War Flag: During the Civil War period, the Union Forces used four official flags . . . with 33, 34, 35 and 36 stars. The 35-star U. S. flag was the one flown most extensively during this time in our Nation's history.



48-Star Flag: On July 4, 1912, the U. S. flag grew to 48 stars. This flag was official for 47 years, through two World Wars and the emergence of the United States of America as the leading nation of the world.



49-Star Flag: In 1959 Alaska achieved full Statehood placing the 49th star in our Flag. The 49-Star flag was official for only one year, until July 4, 1960, when Hawaii achieved its Statehood and the 50-Star flag was born.

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Happy Birthday, America!

St. John's Bicentennial Festival

A lot of hard work has already gone into the workings of this festival. We have rented the Moose property for that day and likewise we have rented 2 tents from Fox, Tent and Awning for the Bingo games and for the adult gambling games. Ann Chandler, Festival Chairperson has spent many hours getting books of tickets prepared and sent to all parishioners with the help of our parish secretary, Ginny Watkins. These books were received by you through bulk mailing last week and already the returns have been fantastic. You are to be commended on the fast sales and return of stubs and money. We do have more books for those who feel they are able to sell more than one book. (With bulk mailing, we do not know if everyone receives the mailing since the post office does not make returns on homes they cannot locate ... if you have not received a book of tickets by this time, and do wish one to sell, please call Ginny at 483-3360 and she will reserve one for you.) Ann has also contacted many businessmen in the community of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor to seek their aid in giving us the 25 prizes to be raffled. This background work had to be done in order to get things moving.

Natalie Bowyer, Earl Herbert, and Sister Carol have been meeting to get small snags out of the process to be used that day. They have already applied for the permits for Bingo that one day and for a license for beer. Theresa Caudill is in the process of ordering meat, and other foods for the day. Chris White has purchased the items to be used at the Bicentennial Booth. The moonwalk and a small ferris wheel has been spoken for in order to have areas for the children. All in all a lot has been accomplished, but now we need to meet as a group to see how all of this fits together.

We are asking that all of you who signed up to be on the various committees, or who have wanted to sign up and haven't done so yet, to meet in the parish hall on Tuesday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. so that the proper planning can take place and needs that haven't yet been met can be worked out. We are in need of all those who are able to help in any way. We hope that you will consider helping for a few hours either before, during, or after the festival in order to make this a grand bicentennial festival for the community of Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor and surrounding areas. You have shown your spirit in so many ways in the past ... let us pull together to show the community what St. John's can do when we work together at such a major project.

Third Order Meeting

The next regular monthly meeting of the Dominican Laity will be held in the sanctuary of St. John's Church at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 21st. All interested men and women over the age of eighteen are welcome to come join with us. Newly received members this Spring include: Mrs. Nan Keegan, Mrs. Phyllis Gracie, and Mrs. Kay Carriere of St. Alexis. Newly professed this Spring is Mrs. Mary Mancini, who has made her life promises.

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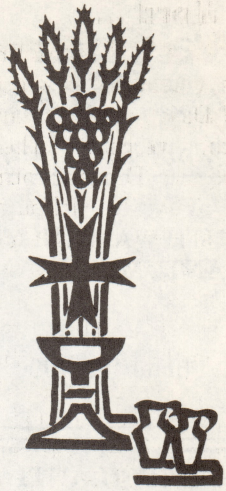

Mass Schedule

Monday, June 21 - St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
7:00 a.m. William Moore, req. by William Tice Family
2:30 p.m. NO MASS AT PARKVIEW

Tuesday, June 22 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. William Moore, mo. anniv., req. by Kruse Family
5:15 p.m. NO MASS

Wednesday, June 23 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Bernard John Salaske, req. by Marie Seckinger
9:00 a.m. NO MASS

Thursday, June 24 - Birth of St. John the Baptist
7:00 a.m. Michael Blystone, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Ludwig followed by Exposition of Blessed Sacrament
6:00 p.m. for St. John's Parishioners

Friday, June 25 - Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:00 a.m. Deceased members of William Eberts family, req. by Mildred Duffy & Sandra (Duffy) Shafer

Saturday, June 26 - Immaculate Heart of Mary
9:00 a.m. NO MASS
5:00 p.m. Eva Daly, req. by Leona Fulton

Sunday, June 27
7:00 a.m. for the parishioners
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mullins Family, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Durfee
11:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving, req. by Christine Knowlton
12:30 p.m. James Paffel, req. by his parents

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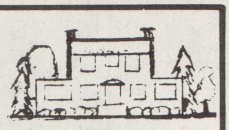

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